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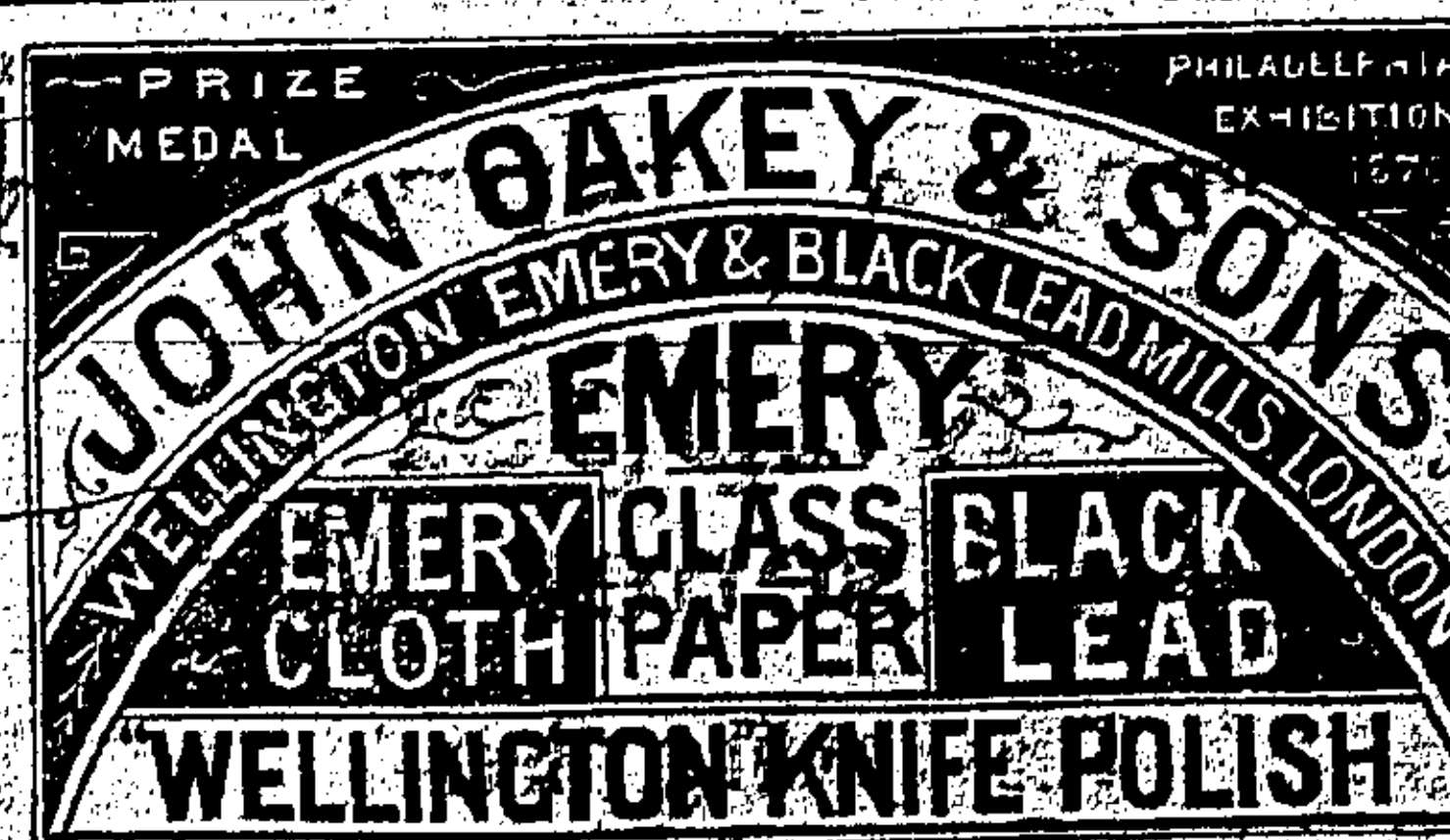
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The dread of some particular kind of
thing, or condition, often becomes so
abnormally great as to amount to a disease
or rather, such fear is a symptom of mental
derangement. Such afflictions are of
various types, as indicated by the consid-
erable number of diagnoses ending in
"phobia." A person affected with one of
these "phobias" may be quite sane and
sound in all other respects. Some curious
instances are given in an article on "Old
Kinds of Human Fear," in The Nation and
Hygienic Gazette.

Medical science, like charity, condones
a multitude of human frailties. In a portion
of our human population, stigmatized as
tramps, they are in reality gentlemen
suffering from agoraphobia or fear of work-
ing. A disease having for complications aqua-
phobia and claustrophobia. A lady is not
foolishly timid in the presence of thunder
and lightning; she is really afflicted with
astrophobia and astrophobia, the man
said to be seized of his shadow really has
phantomphobia; there are any number of
people nowadays having, pathophobia or
fear of disease; nor are we to call any one
a low-down coward because he is troubled
with pantophobia, or fear of anything and
everything.

Agoraphobia—fear of open spaces, or
literally of market-places—has been ex-
plained as a simian inheritance; being due
to a preservative instinct of great impor-
tance to our very remote ancestry. Our
forebears were arboreal in their habits;
and in this way mainly their salvation from
extinction. Feeble-bodied, without weap-
ons or defensive armour, or effective means
of concealment, they were safe from the
carnivorous animals only by reason of the
agility with which they could climb out of
reach, and could leap from bough to bough
and from tree to tree. Whoever de-
scended to the ground was at once in danger;
he could get about much less rapidly in the
open than among the tree-tops—certainly
less rapidly than his chief foe. Up-along
no foe could overtake him; while he could
smother the latter by grinning and gibbering
over his discomfited and by means of
coconuts well and swiftly directed. But on
the flat he had no chance against the spring
of the panther or the speed and wild of the
wolf.

The farther our progenitors ventured
from their arboreal retreat the greater
their danger; they naturally then had
strong instinctive aversion to extended ex-
cursions. Accepting this view of the
evolutionist we may believe the state of
mind to be reproduced under similar cir-
cumstances in agoraphobia. The craving
of such a sufferer is to be near—not neces-
sarily trees—but some tall vertical struc-
ture; away from which he has just the
feeling of dread of impending danger or
disaster, of something awful about to hap-
pen that a man would have walking through
a jungle in which a lioness is known to
have her lair of cubs.

Sufferers from agoraphobia, we are told,
when going from one side of a court to the
other will proceed around and along the
wall, touch it all the way; sometimes
also by squeezing themselves against the
wall and clutching it. Such patients simply
can not cross an open space, except possibly
with some one else, or with a cane. In a
colonnade they feel comparatively little
uneasiness. Reason tells them their fear
is absurd; yet reason is powerless against
instinct. We read again:
"Claustrophobia, or the fear of closed
doors, is a phenomenon directly the opposite.
Possibly it is due to the natural feeling
that if one were confined hermetically within
very narrow limits, death by suffocation
must almost instantly follow. The author,
Philip Gilbert Hamerton, furnishes a case
in history of this malady, and an excellent
one, for the reason that he was in all other
respects quite sane and normal."

Then there is strophobia, the fear of
cats; there are plenty of people who have
that fear; those who have cat asthma; who
have fear on seeing cats without excessive
emotion in consequence; who are perturbed
when a cat is near, though unseen; who can
smell a cat without seeing it. Dr. Weir
Mitchell, who has given an excellent descrip-
tion of this phobia, describes cases. He
has found that cat emanations may
affect the nervous system through the nasal
membrane, although unrecognized as such.
The presence of a cat gives many people a
variety of symptoms: oppressed breathing,
fear, terror, disgust, chills, goose-flesh,
weakness, dizziness, nausea, temporary blind-
ness, possibly hysterical convulsions.
Dr. Mitchell relates the case of an uncle,
in his own family. My father, the late
Prof. J. M. Mitchell, having placed
a small cat in a closet, with a sauce of
cream, asked Mr. H. to come into the room
and look at some old books in which he
would be interested. He sat down, but in
a few minutes grew pale, shivered, and
said: "There is a cat in the room." Dr.
Mitchell said: "Look about you. There
is no cat in the room. Do you hear, one
outside?" He said: "No, but there is a
cat." He became faint, and complaining
of nausea, went out and promptly
recovered.

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Prepared by Dr. J. Savarese, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36, 37, 38, 39, 40, 41, 42, 43, 44, 45, 46, 47, 48, 49, 50, 51, 52, 53, 54, 55, 56, 57, 58, 59, 60, 61, 62, 63, 64, 65, 66, 67, 68, 69, 70, 71, 72, 73, 74, 75, 76, 77, 78, 79, 80, 81, 82, 83, 84, 85, 86, 87, 88, 89, 90, 91, 92, 93, 94, 95, 96, 97, 98, 99, 100.

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Two Views. In the course of a letter just published, Lord Curzon's statement is given. "I am most anxious about the future. A neighbouring country is peering ahead with tremendous vigour, not only with its shipbuilding, but also with its organization for war. The report of the Cabinet Committee appointed to investigate the statements made in my letter to the Prime Minister of April 2 conclusively shows that my statements were correct, and the views which I repeatedly represented to authority during my tenure of command have been adopted in many particulars. The Navy is not properly organized or trained for war, and no plan of campaign can be effective unless the ships are there to carry that plan out. We are dangerously short of many units without which the Fleet could not act as a campaigner. Our initial reserves, through want of proper organization, would be shocking. By far the worst point connected with the Royal Navy at present is the system of espionage, favouritism, and intimidation which has been employed for the last few years in order to carry out the suggestions and plans which the majority of naval officers know are imperfect and unsound both in theory and practice. If the country does not wake up to the great necessity of adequate naval defence shortly, there is no doubt that the British Empire will be a thing of the past. The thinking people in other countries appear to see the dangerous position of Great Britain far more than our people do."

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Kowloon Track.

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MONDAY, December 20—

3 p.m.—Auction of Crown Land at the

Public Works Department's Offices.

SATURDAY, December 25—

Public Holiday.

MONDAY, December 27—

Public Holiday.

The China Mail

HONGKONG, TUESDAY, DECEMBER 14, 1909.

A SIGNIFICANT PERSONALITY.

ONE of the most prominent personages in the parliamentary struggle now proceeding in Great Britain is undoubtedly DAVID LLOYD-GEORGE, the Chancellor of the Exchequer, whose extremely radical budget precipitated the present conflict. Whatever we may think of the policy which he has enunciated, however we may deplore his terrible exhibitions of bad taste, and greatly as we must deplore his methods of platform oratory, as Englishmen who love a sturdy fighter we cannot help admiring him as a man, for he has won through great difficulties to a foremost place among the Ministers of the Crown before his fiftieth year. DAVID LLOYD-GEORGE was born in Manchester in 1863, the son of a Unitarian minister. When he was a baby, his parents returned to their home in Wales, where his father died almost before the little family had got settled. The widow was left with several children, and almost without means. Her brother, a cobbler in the village of Llanystumdwy, must have been the sort of brother that the Bible tells us was "made for adversity." He came to the rescue, as far as his means would allow, and, in particular, took a deep interest in David. That his nephew might get an education the shoemaker denied himself all but the barest necessities, and even learned Latin and French in order to teach the boy. The Lloyd-Georges lived on a farm, near the village, and their fare was of the most

meagre description. What they knew of luxuries may be inferred from the fact that the great treat of the week was half an egg spread on Sundays.

At the village school little David showed good pluck and when he was a mere child he displayed the other sort of courage, too. He had the impudence to publicly protest against certain questions put to him in the course of an examination in the catechism, on the ground that they reflected upon the Baptist religion, which was his uncle's and that of his maternal grandfather. He continued to attend the only school in the village, one belonging to the Church of England, after the episode, but the master did not try to change the boy's views on theological questions. Curiously enough, the lawsuit that brought him his first draught of fame was a quarrel with an English Church vicar. A dissenting quarryman had asked to be buried beside his daughter, and the Burials Act compelled the vicar to allow the body to be interred in the churchyard. He selected, however, a site for the grave among the suicides and other dishonoured or unknown dead. LLOYD-GEORGE, then a young lawyer, was consulted by a number of the quarryman's friends who had helped pay for the burying ground, and he advised them to force the gates of the churchyard. This they did, and were prosecuted for trespass. Thus began litigation, in which Mr Lloyd-Georges received great notoriety. Indeed, he was said to be the most popular man in Wales before the case was finally settled in favour of his clients. He was invited to contest a bye-election in the Liberal interest, and did so, defeating Sir R. J. Ellis NANTY by a majority of eighteen. He entered Parliament at the age of 27.

His first opportunity to distinguish himself at Westminster was at the time of the Boer War, when the fury of his denunciation of the Government's policy made him one of the most cordially detested men in the Kingdom. On one occasion he had to escape in disguise from an English town where he had been addressing a meeting. Even in Wales his popularity suffered, and a former supporter snuffed him down in the street. However, his constituency stuck to him, and he was returned to Parliament.

The Education Bill gave him his greatest opportunity, and he became generally recognised as the leader of Nonconformity and dissent among laymen, as Dr. Clifford was among the clergy. His debates with Joseph Chamberlain were famous encounters, which raised both disputants in the opinion of their respective admirers. He was unquestionably the leader of the Welsh Liberals, and of Radical Liberals everywhere, when his party came into power, and a Cabinet position was assured him. He became President of the Board of Trade, and even his bitterest enemies admit that he was a good President. To him is given credit for averting the railroad strike that threatened two years ago to paralyze English industry. His appointment as Chancellor of the Exchequer came at a critical moment, when everyone was wondering how the money could be raised for the Navy and the old-age pensions. LLOYD-GEORGE's answer to the problem has created one of the great political sensations of the age. His original Financial Bill has been greatly modified and altered; indeed, it is said that only one word in three remained in place before it went up to the Lords, but the underlying principles were unchanged. It is now before the country for approval or rejection, and the interesting question arises will it have the same effect as Gladstone's famous Home Rule bill in splitting up the Liberal party? Yet whether LLOYD-GEORGE splits his party or not, he will still retain a huge following, and it will not be long, we imagine, before he steps into the front rank as the popular demagogic leader of the advanced wing of the Liberal Socialist group. View him how we will, LLOYD-GEORGE is a personage whom the next few years will be much concerned about.

NEWS OF THE DAY.

From Mr. A. M. Eschbrey we have received a neat little calendar printed in gold upon a tortoiseshell plate.

The proposed dedication service in the Protestant cemetery has been postponed until the ordinance has received His Majesty's consent.

Great difficulty is being experienced in repairing the Japan-Formosa cable and it is thought that the work will be temporarily abandoned.

The trade returns of the United Kingdom for November show an increase in imports of £11,700,745 and an increase in exports of £4,194,000 over the corresponding month of last year.

The Victoria Dispensary send us a pretty calendar in the form of a letter-book of artistic design, the front being a really splendid reproduction of an oil painting entitled "Boasted Gatherers."

Mr. Ellis Kadocrie has renewed his offer to contribute \$35,000 towards the establishing of a Chinese school at Sinza, Shanghai. The offer is to be brought before a meeting of ratepayers.

Zeppelin's Aerial Navigation Company, which has been established at Frankfurt-on-Main, will begin a series of regular passenger excursions to the principal towns next spring. Trips will also be made at intervals to England and Denmark.

Major-General Ernest De Brath, C.B., Political Resident at Aden, has been appointed to succeed Captain H. E. S. Cordaux, C.B., as H.M. Commissioner and Commander-in-Chief of the Somaliland Protectorate. The appointment does not imply any change of policy.

The *Yankee Zetting* says:—In the course of excavations, conducted by the Museum of Silesian Antiquities at Ottn, near Ratibor, a clay figure, representing a nude female divinity, was unearthed in a stone-age dwelling. The figure is over 4,000 years old, and is the most ancient representation of the human form in existence.

In our last night's issue in our report of Saturday's Regatta, a mistake was made in the winning crew for the Chinese Cup. The winning crew was composed as follows:

Bow, A. R. Ellis, 3rd 5lbs ...
2 O. A. C. Rodriguez, 1st 5lbs ...
3 F. L. de Rosa, 1st 5lbs ...
Stroke, A. H. Carroll, 1st 10lbs ...
Cox, W. J. Carroll, 1st 0lb ...

When the verdict in the Steinheil trial was announced in Paris special newspapers motor cars raced through the streets, journalists and chauffeurs wildly shouting the news of the acquittal. Men and women in the cafes at Montmartre danced and kissed in semi-delirium, resembling that of Making Night. The pent-up emotion in court resulted in a roar of "Bravo!" harriers threw up their caps and climbed the benches, waving handkerchiefs. The jury acquitted Mme. Steinheil by nine to three.

Sir Robert Parks, M.P., has declined the invitation of the Leith (Lincolshire) Liberals to reconsider his decision not to contest the seat at the approaching general election. Sir Robert did not vote in the division on the third reading of the Finance Bill in the House of Commons. He subsequently intimated that he did not seek re-election, and denounced "the disastrous experiments of Socialism," which were foreshadowed in the speeches of Mr. Lloyd-George (Chancellor of the Exchequer) and Mr. Winston Churchill (President of the Board of Trade).

Mr. Haldane, replying to Mr. W. T. Turner, in the House of Commons, on the 1st inst., stated that in the Regular Army there were at present 204 vacancies for officers, but the majority of these would be filled by the beginning of 1910. Officers serving at home did not receive a free ration of bread and meat; abroad they were entitled to the same ration of bread and meat as the soldier, which consisted, at most stations, of 1 lb. of bread and 1 lb. of meat; at a few tropical stations, where the cattle were poor, an extra 1 lb. of meat was given.

When the N. D. L. steamer *Kielce* passed through Hongkong on her recent voyage south, says the *Singapore Free Press*, the temperature at Hongkong was low, but nothing like that experienced at Shanghai, an unwholesome port, where the winds sweep off the Manchurian steppe and through the Yang-tze valley as keen as razors. It is almost impossible for anyone with prolonged residence in Singapore to realize the cold of Shanghai in the winter, and though it may be a novelty for a time, the Singaporean soon whisks himself back where he can enjoy a cigar in a warm and does not hear people coughing and sneezing perpetually around him.

A fatal accident marred the journey of the Italian military attaché to Braccio, the other day. Since its departure from Braccio the airship had performed a record trip of over 300 miles without the slightest mishap. As supplies were running short the aeronauts descended unaided about 10 o'clock at night on the military drill-ground near the Vatican. When ready to resume the voyage at 5 o'clock, the next morning, the 1201-h.p. engine was started, the propellers whirling at the rate of 1,100 revolutions a minute. A young lieutenant, named Boretti, who was keeping back the airship which had collected, was struck by one of the propellers, which cut his heart out.

NEWS OF THE DAY.

A report in the Hongkong police occurrence book reads:—Brought to the Station the body of a lady found lying at the Star Ferry Wharf.

This morning at about 8 o'clock a Chinaman was walking along Wing Wo Street when he was held up by several others and relieved of a gold and ratan bangle.

Pauline Grimberg and Paulina Salago were charged at the Magistracy to-day with returning from banishment. They were given until the 17th inst. to leave the Colony.

On Wednesday, December 22, the distribution of prizes in connection with St. Joseph's English College will take place at 4.30 p.m. His Excellency Sir Frederick Lugard will preside.

Mr. A. J. Balfour, Leader of the Conservative party, has announced that if the Unionists are elected they will provide State aid to encourage cotton-growing in the Colonies. This will provide Lancashire spinners with an independent source of supply and enable them to meet Japanese and American competition.

The Bishop of Victoria and Bishop Ingham, accompanied by the Revs. E. J. Barnett, P. Jenkins and M. S. Tang, and several Chinese laymen, have gone on a tour of inspection of the Church of England Missions in the Tsau-Tsing district on the East River. They will dedicate three new Chinese Churches presented by Chinese, and attend the Native Church Council to be held this week at Pit Tam.

By kind permission of the Col. and officers, the Band of the 13th Rajputs will play the following programme of music at the King Edward Hotel, during dinner, on Thursday, March; China's Call, Ellenberg; Overture, Hungarian, Keler Bela; Valse, Sweet Briars, Louthian; Selection, The Bohemian Girl, Kappey; Serenade, La Paloma, John Hartmann; Piccolo Solo, Chant du Rossignol, F. Filipovsky; God Save the King.

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL.

Mr. J. W. Bolles returned to the Colony to-day by P. M. S. S. China.

Of 465,021 young men examined for the Japanese army this year 104,839 were found to be suffering from trachoma.

Among the passengers who arrived to-day from Shanghai by the *Prinz Ludwig* were Mr. F. B. Marshall, Mrs. Consul Dr. Roseler and Mrs. Ellis Kadocrie.

Since October 15 fourteen students have been killed or maimed for life in various parts of the United States, while playing football.

In acknowledgement of his services in extending railways in China, Mr. J. O. P. Bland has received the order of the Double Dragon.

The rumours that Mr. J. O. P. Bland is to replace Dr. Morrison as the Times correspondent at Peking seems to be unfounded. The N. O. Daily News says that Mr. and Mrs. Bland are now in Shanghai, and with the exception of an up-country trip, will remain there till their departure for England.

AMERICAN ADMIRAL MAKES OFFICIAL CALLS.

This morning at 10.45 o'clock Admiral Barry, of the U.S. cruiser *Pennsylvania*, now in harbour, made an official landing at Murray Pier. He was accompanied by Captain Orchard, of the flagship, and Captain Pond, of the West Virginia, and suite, and was met by Capt. Mitchell Taylor, A.D.C., to the Governor (Sir F. D. Lugard) and Mr. W. A. Raffles, American Consul-General. A guard of honour drawn from the Buffs Regiment was in waiting, and escorted the party to Government House, where they were received by the Governor. The *Omaha* (Commander Broadwood) was also called on.

The *Pennsylvania* and the West Virginia are part of the Pacific Squadron, other of the cruisers being at present at Shanghai, Yokohama and Manila. The two cruisers maintain a guard of honour at Manila, where they will stay till December 30th, when they will leave for Manila, where the squadron is to reassemble and proceed direct to America.

A large contingent of the men were given liberty this afternoon, and a football match was got up at Happy Valley. It was played according to American rules and greatly puzzled the British spectators.

BANDMANN COMEDY COMPANY.

We are informed by Mr. James Young, who arrived by the a.s. *Zafro* yesterday afternoon, that this popular company are most proceeding to Shanghai after a most successful season in Manila. They expect to arrive in Hongkong about the 27th instant and propose breaking their passage in order to play "The Early Worm," "The Best People," "Facing the Music," and "Sir John Horn's best play," "A Pair of Spectacles." Their visit should please the theatre-going folks between Christmas and New Year time who will no doubt give them a hearty welcome.

A GOOD HOUSEHOLD LINTMENT.

When a bottle of Chamberlain's Pain Balm is kept in the house the pains of rheumatism, colds, and other ailments, which are so common in winter, are quickly relieved, and the sufferer is enabled to get on with his work. It is a most valuable remedy for all such ailments, and is so easily carried about, that it is a most valuable household necessity. It is a most valuable remedy for all such ailments, and is so easily carried about, that it is a most valuable household necessity.

ST. JOHN'S AMBULANCE ASSOCIATION.

Our readers will notice from the advertising columns that ladies wishing to attend classes in First Aid or nursing are requested to send in their names to the Rev. F. T. Johnson on or before Wednesday, the 22nd inst. Such classes have been popular in the past and should prove more so now.

COUNTERFEIT COIN PROSECUTIONS.

The two prosecutions instigated by the police in connection with the seizure of counterfeit coin in Hongkong were opened at the Magistracy to-day before Mr. H. R. Hallifax. Altogether there were no less than 13 defendants, one of whom was a woman. Chief Detective Inspector Hanson conducted the prosecution, and all the defendants were unrepresented.

A batch of nine men were first charged with having in their possession 156 King's currency coins as well as 231 French piastres. In answer to the charges they all made statements, the first saying that the coins were bad and that he was told to make them so. Another admitted that he had 35 coins which he was to sell with another man. Some of the others denied knowledge of the affair. The first three were then charged with selling 115 Hongkong dollars, and the fourth and fifth with selling 78 Hongkong dollars.

In the second case three men and a woman were charged with being in possession of 76 Hongkong dollars and 384 Kwangtung coins, the first of these with selling 113 Hongkong coins and uttering 29 piastres. The case was remanded until Thursday at 9 a.m.

FIRE ON THE GERMAN MAIL.

Valuable Cargo Destroyed.

At about 7.30 o'clock this morning, just as she was entering the harbour from the north, the German mail steamer *Prinz Ludwig* signalled that there was an outbreak of fire on board. The discovery was made only a brief time before, smoke having been seen issuing from the No. 5 hold in the forepart of the vessel. No. 5 was stored some 1,400 tons of valuable cargo, chiefly consisting of raw silk and Japanese curios, and these materials being highly inflammable, the flames got a fairly good hold before anything could be done.

The mailboat was soon at bay, and some little distance off the Kowloon wharves, and shortly after 8 o'clock the Government fire boat was alongside and members of the Fire Brigade at once commenced to work on the vessel. A ship was made to flood the hold, but as the ship's pumps were unable to cope with the large volume of water being poured in, it was deemed advisable to abandon this method, for there was already a big list on the ship and the danger of her turning over was great. Jets of water, however, were played on the most affected parts but the difficulty of dealing with the flames was increased by the fact that the huge volume of smoke coming up from the hold rendered it impossible for anything like a minute examination to be made as to the exact spot in which the conflagration was worst.

When our representative went on board shortly before one o'clock, big clouds of smoke and steam were still issuing from below, and the list on the vessel was very considerable. By this time two members of the crew were down in the hold, having been fitted with smoke helmets prior to descending. Soon one of them came up and reported that he had made investigations and was satisfied that all flame had been extinguished, though there was yet a considerable bulk of cargo gradually smouldering and giving off smoke. The Fire Brigade and members of the crew still continued to operate and their work was successful in preventing the flames from spreading to other parts of the vessel. The damage already done, however, was extensive, though the captain (Capt. von Bismarck) was unable to compute the value of the destroyed goods. The origin of the outbreak is unknown.

The Fire Brigade, which was in charge of Mr. P. J. Wodehouse, Assistant Deputy Superintendent of Police, continued to work on the boat this afternoon.

THE CHINA STATION.

NEW ADMIRAL APPOINTED.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)

LONDON, December 13.

Vice-Admiral Sir Alfred Leigh Winall, K.C.B., C.V.O., C.M.G., has been appointed to the China Station.

(Note.—Vice-Admiral Winall's record is as follows:—Entered Navy, 1885; Captain, 1892; served Egyptian War, 1885; member of Committee for Revision of Naval Signals; served Naval Brigade in Expedition against Sultan of Yib, East Africa, 1890; went as Commissioner to Massakess to draw a boundary between the Portuguese and the Chartered Company, 1891; commanded H.M.S. *Spartan* during Chinese-Japanese War, Rear-Admiral Nov. 1904; Vice-Admiral Nov. 1908; 4th Sea Lord of the Admiralty since 1906. Commanded the *Ophir* on the Royal Tour.—Ed. C.M.)

KING LEOPOLD'S CONDITION.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)

LONDON, December 13.

King Leopold receives extremeunction to-day prior to an operation which appears inevitable. His Majesty is suffering terrible stomach pains and is weakening rapidly.

HOME POLITICS.

MR. CHAMBERLAIN'S MANIFESTO.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)

LONDON, December 13.

Mr. Joseph Chamberlain has sent a manifesto to Manchester and Salford, in which he declares Tariff Reform to be necessary to meet the competition of foreigners and to bring the Colonies into closer union with the Motherland.

BRITISH INTERESTS IN ASIA MINOR.

WARM DEBATE IN TURKISH CHAMBER.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)

LONDON, December 14.

Reuter's correspondent at Constantinople says that an interpellation regarding the convention for the amalgamation of the British Lynch and Hamidieh companies for the navigation of the Tigris and Euphrates led to an important and tumultuous debate in the Chamber.

The Grand Vizier announced that the Cabinet would resign unless the action was approved with confidence.

Subsequently confidence in the Government was voted by 168 to 8.

AMBANS OF TIBET CENSURED.

(Wah Tse Yat Po's Service.)

PEKING, December 13.

Lin Yu and Wan Chang Yin, Chinese Residents in Tibet, have been censured for incompetence by the Consulate.

The Grand Councilors recommend that Chang Yin Tang be appointed to take over their duties.

CHINESE IN DUTCH INDIES.

(Wah Tse Yat Po's Service.)

PEKING, December 13.

Lu Yin Chang, Chinese Minister to Holland, has asked that Chinese Consuls be sent at once to the Dutch East Indies to prevent the Netherlands from forcibly compelling Chinese residents there to become naturalized Dutch citizens.

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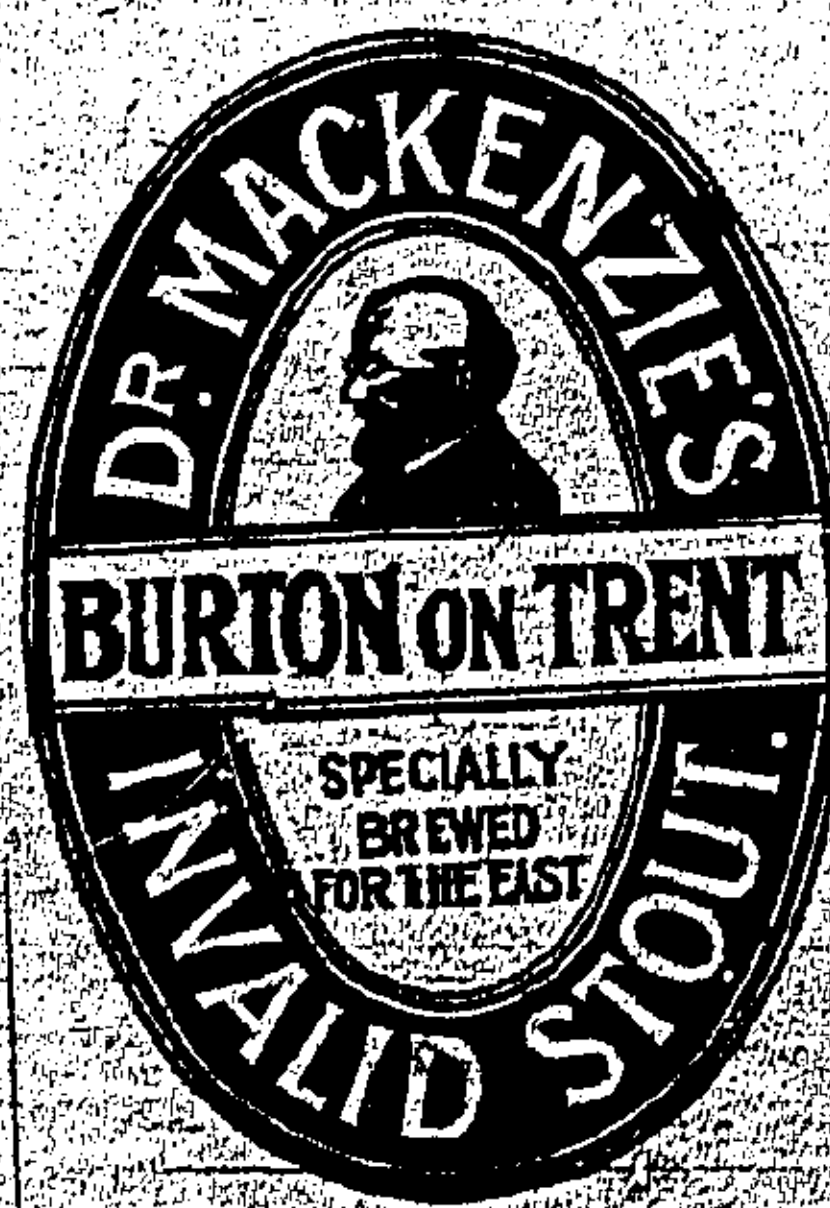
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DELTA	March 5	MALWA	11000	April 9
MAKEDONIA	March 19	(Through steamer calling at Bombay)		April 19
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